

OCVTEA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 13, 2011

Toms River Center

Call to Order: The meeting of the OCVTEA General membership was called to order at 3:05 pm by President Howard Polenberg.

Officers in Attendance: Howard Polenberg, President
Tom Vassallo, Vice President
Michael Clarke, Treasurer

Reading of Minutes: Secretary Alicia Carney was unable to attend. Tom Vassallo read the minutes from the General Meeting held on February 1, 2010. No additions or alterations were noted.

Motion to accept: Tom Pernal

Second: Pete Jewell

Passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Howard reported on a letter he received from the NJEA. The NJEA is asking for vocational educators to do displays at the NJEA state convention.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clarke presented the Treasurer's Report. A typographical error was

noted and Mike will forward an amended copy with the correct figure to the secretary. Motion was made to accept an amended copy of the treasurer's report.

Motion to Accept: Sharon Giannantonio

Second: Ray Walsh

Treasury report was accepted unanimously.

Sunshine Report:

Howard read the report that was prepared by Mary Bernyk. All information will be posted on the OCVTEA web site.

Membership Report:

Cathy Buckley questioned membership numbers. Mike answered that he had investigated this with the board office. The reason that numbers fluctuate is due to leaves of absence in most cases.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Relations Committee:

Tom Vassallo reported that there will be an update to the email page. He would like to include instructions on the page for members so they will understand the procedure. He also volunteered to have people call him if they have questions. Tom stated that the email system may not be fully functional and implemented until the next school year.

Legislative Committee:

Colleen Gordon reported that school budgets are coming up for a vote and members should be voting to support the local budget. There will also be a vote on the "voucher bill" that will be a question on the ballot as well.

Social Graces Committee: Sharon Clougher reported that the end of the year party will be held on Friday, June 3rd, 6:00 pm. The party is at Hemmingway's in Seaside Heights on the boulevard.

Internal Affairs Committee: Catherine Ferrara had no information to report .

Stipend Committee: Andy Dennison gave an update on the progress of the Stipend Committee. He thanked the members who have worked very hard to assemble all of the information.

Mike McNamara questioned how members should respond to any email that comes out questioning whether they will be accepting any stipend position.

Tom and Andy reported that this had been discussed in the stipend committee meetings. The recommended response will be sent out to building representatives from Howard in an email.

Cathy Buckley questioned why some people are getting the last day off for Skills when Cathy does HOSA and does not get the last day off. This is a point that will be discussed at the next administrative liaison meeting with Bill Hoey, Nancy Weber-Loeffert and Frank Frazee.

Andy brought up the Freshman orientation at the academies and questioned how members were being compensated. That will also be addressed at the next administrative liaison.

Laurie O'Donnell questioned the PDP (PIP) criteria on recruitment. There was a short discussion.

Howard reported that the Executive Council has approved the negotiating team for the stipend portion of the contract. The team will be Howard Polenberg, Tom Vassallo, Andy Dennison, David Werner, Adam Sprague and Tom Rolston.

**Professional Development
Committee:**

Eileen Verde was unable to attend. There was no new report available.

Constitutional Committee:

There was no new information to report.

**Elections/Nominating
Committee:**

Howard Polenberg spoke to the members about getting our committees together early in anticipation of negotiations and elections.

Old Business:

Howard reported that the administrative liaison meetings are now taking place every month. The meetings are being held on the first Monday of each month.

Howard reported on information that members are being “bullied” by administrators. He forwarded a management seminar email to Nancy Weber-Loeffert. She responded by inviting Howard to address the administrators.

The use of copiers by teachers was discussed. Members are feeling that as if they are being “watched”. Tom Vassallo suggested that until quotas are outlined for teachers, there is no reason they should stop making copies if they need them to teach their classes.

Howard informed the membership that there must be liaison meetings taking place every month in every center. This is a contractual issue and

is a part of our contract.

Ray Walsh reminded members that they must be careful about what is said in those liaison meetings, since some of them have expanded out of these meetings.

Tom Vassallo explained to members that there is an Internal Affairs committee that may be a more appropriate place to discuss some issues.

Howard reported on the 1.5% Unfair Labor Practice. Mike McNamara questioned if they can be subpoenaed for the May 18th hearing. Howard will contact Joan Szlaga to see if that can be arranged. He also reported that they are currently trying to arrange a preliminary meeting to discuss our position before it is presented.

New Business:

Howard discussed the R.O.C. committee. He discussed a voter information card that is being distributed by the OCCEA county ROC representative. He stressed the importance of our vote in the November elections.

Andy Dennison wanted to add that Michele Colon and Karen Quigley have also contributed a lot of effort to the stipend committee work. He wanted to be sure that they were recognized for their efforts.

Howard Polenberg reported that the "Curriculum Mapping" now being done at the academies will affect all shared-time instructors next year. There was a discussion about the shared time teachers doing this next year. It was agreed that the name will be referred to as "Lesson Plan Mapping". Tom Vassallo reported that the topic was discussed in the last administrative liaison meeting. He outlined the OCVTEA's position. The

members should give only one hour of work if they are being compensated by receiving one hour of professional development.

Good of the Order:

Inviting Joan Szlaga to all meetings was discussed. Howard reported that Joan was off this week and was not available to attend. It was agreed that she should be invited to all meetings and she will also be asked to attend all negotiations meetings.

Harry Appleheimer brought up the changing of Foundation Scholarships. His concern was that the Foundation is not giving scholarships to students to go on to an institution of higher learning.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Cathy Buckley
Second: Sharon Giannantonio

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.